Board have also undertaken Dujeeling . and Assam Logo Campaign in U.K.

In order to inipioye standards of pac- kaging in respecd of tea produced io India, exporters have been advised time and again to improve the packaging standardss so as to match the international requiiemenst, A schsmo spensored by Tea Board for improvement of paokaging of tea specially for the purpose of export has been launched recently *by* the Indian Institute of packaging.

**TEA PRODUCTION**

2560.. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased fo state :

(a) whether sl is a fact that India's tea production is not likely to touch the target fixed during 5993,

*(b)* if so what is the target and the likely production; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Targets lor production of tea is fixed on the basis of financial year i.e. April to March. for 1993-94, it is fixed at 730 million kgs. subject to favourable whather conditions. Given the present trend, (his targe: is likely to be achieved with a production slightly over 730 million kgs.

(c) Does not arise.

**LOANS FOR PRAWN FARMING**

2367. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VEN- KATRAMAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government are granting loans for prawn farming which is a foreign exchange earning trede; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose io investigate areas; where this industry may be started with Central Aid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CON- SUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DIS TRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM- MERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No Sir, Government does not provide any lean. However many commercial and scheduled banks and other financial institutions like IFCI, IRBI ICICI are iwovidiag loans to Support techno aconomically viable aquaculture projects.

(b) Besides credit facilities as above MPEDA pvovide subsidy assistance well as aquity participation.

**COMPLAINTS REGARDING DUMPING**

*2368.* SHRI SATISH PRADHAN Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been complaints of dumping Industries; if st), the names of the Industries effected because of the dumping;

(b) what measures Government propose to take to agest the dumping; and

(c) whether Government would consider short listing the itrams being dumped (hereby affected the Indian Industries ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) 'to (c) The Designated Authority, under the Indian Castoms Tariff Act 1975 as Amended in 1982 and the Custotni Tariff Rules there under, has received complaints from the domestic industry alleging dumping of certain Chemicals, petfcchemicafc, drugs and intermediates etc.

the Desigrated Authority initiated antidumping investigations concerning import *ot* PVC Resin, Styrene Butadiene Rubber and Bispencl A. The authority has recommended imposition of anti duming duty on import ttf PVC Resin. In its pre-, limtnary findings concerning import of Bishenol-A the authority found a dumping

margin of 2S.9 per cent. The Designated Authority terminated investigation into the allegation of dumping of Styrene Butadiene Rubber as no injury to the dmnestic icidustiy could be made out.

The Designated Authwity is required to satisfy itself about prima facie evidence of dumping, injury to the domesic industry and a casual link between the dumped imports and the alleged injury, before deciding io initiare an anti-dumping investi-jation.

**BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR PLANTATION CROPS**

2369 SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

*(a)* whether Commerce Ministry has suggested budgetary support in 1994-95 for increasing the competitiveness of our plantation crop exports like cashew-nuts and tobacco;

(b) whether it is a fact that primaly producers of tobacco and cashewnuts in Andhra Pradesh have been representing their problems te Government; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to aid their plantation crop, so as to enhance their competitive advantages'. in exports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh have represented about lower price realisations at the auctions during 1993, and for bigger crop size for tobacco for the 1993 crop.

(c) The Ministry of Agriculture has a number of schemes to increase the production and productivity of raw cashew-nuts. These include :

(i) production and supply of quality planting material;

(ii) replantation programme;

(iii) popularising scientific cultivation ;

(iv) scheme for plantation in wastelands;

Tobacco Board has the following programmes for tobacco :

(i) continued implementation of development schemes to improve the yield and quality of tobacco;

(ii) disseminate latest research findings to growers through training, extension and study tours;

(iii) monitor pesticide residues and take necessary corrective steps.

Introduction of unified exchange rate, doing away with compulsory pre-shipment inspection on the export of agricultural commodities subject to certain conditions are some cf the steps taken by the Government to increase the export of these commodities at competitive level. Apart from this, various Commodity Boards, Export Promotion Councils, participate in exhibitions abroad and arrange buyer-seller meets to have interaction with importers in other countries. In addition, these organisations sponsor delegations to countries which have potential for improving exports.

**NEW ORIENTATION TO TOBACCO BOARD**

2570. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to give a new orientation to the Tobacco Board;

(b) whether the Tobacco Board has been unable to cope with the requirements cf the traders and farmers;

(c) whether it is a fact that farmers and traders have to constantly represent their problems to Government; and

(d) what steps are being taken to review the functioning of the Tobacco Boards 7